



## **2026 MANITOBA WINTER GAMES**

### **Figure Skating Technical Package**

Technical Packages are a critical element of the Manitoba Games. They guide the selection of teams by detailing age and eligibility requirements, govern competition by outlining tournament formats and scoring procedures, and identify the minimum/maximum number of participants permitted by region.

Technical Packages are developed 12-18 months prior to the Games by the relevant Provincial Sport Organization (PSO) following the standards set in place by Sport Manitoba.

After publication, any changes to the Technical Packages must be approved by Sport Manitoba – requests should first be sent to the PSO for consideration. Adjustments to age groups, eligibility requirements, team sizes, or competition formats will not be considered within six months of the start of Games.

## 1. SPORT: FIGURE SKATING

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## 2. PARTICIPANTS

### 2.1. Athletes

Up to 1 athlete (female) in Novice Singles category, per regional team.

Up to 2 athletes (male or female), per Pre-Novice Singles and STAR 5 Singles categories, per regional team.

Up to 3 athletes (male or female), per STAR 6/7 Singles category, per regional team.

### 2.2. Coaches and Managers

1 coach and 1 manager per regional team.

If sending male athletes, one of the team staff must be male.

### 2.3. Regional Teams

Region	Number of Teams
North	1
East	1
South	1
West	1
Winnipeg Blue	1
Winnipeg Gold	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>

## 3. CLASSIFICATION

**Novice Singles** Open to athletes born between July 1, 2008, and March 1, 2016.

**Pre-Novice Singles:** Open to athletes born between July 1, 2009, and March 1, 2016.

**STAR 5 Singles:** Open to athletes born between March 8, 2008, and March 1, 2016.

**STAR 6 / STAR 7 Singles:** Open to athletes born between March 8, 2008, and March 1, 2016.

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## 4. ELIGIBILITY

### 4.1. Athletes

All athletes must meet the eligibility requirements identified in the Manitoba Games [Eligibility Policy](#).

All athletes must be Skate Canada registrants in Good Standing for the 2025–26 season and registered with a club or skating school in the province of Manitoba.

## **4.2. Coaches and Managers**

### **4.2.1. Sport Manitoba Requirements**

All coaches and managers participating in the Games must have completed:

- Criminal Record Check
- [Respect in Sport](#)
- [Understanding the Rule of Two eLearning Module](#)

### **4.2.2. Sport-Specific Requirements**

Coaches must be in Good Standing with Skate Canada.

Coaches must be minimum NCCP Provincial Coach In-Training by December 1, 2025.

Coaches who are not named regional team coach will not be permitted accreditation at the Manitoba Games.

## **5. COMPETITION**

### **5.1. Competition Format**

Ice surface size: 200' x 85'.

Skaters will be provided with a practice session each day of competition. Practice rotations will be sent out in advance once the starting orders have been determined.

The competitions will consist of two segments: Short Program and Free Program. Short Programs will be competed on the first day of competition. Skaters will compete their Free Program on the second day of competition.

Skaters must arrive no later than 45 minutes prior to the start of their event.

\*STAR 5 will compete their STAR 5 Free Program on both days of competition.

### **5.2. Competition Rules**

The competition will be conducted in accordance with the rules of [Skate Canada](#). The competition is sanctioned by Skate Canada and Skate Manitoba.

*Judging System*

The Cumulative Points Calculation (CPC) Judging System will be used for all events. For more information, please visit [Scoring of Skate Canada Competitions](#).

The total Segment scores of the short program and free skate are added and the result constitutes the final score of a competitor in an Event. The competitor with the highest final score is first, second, third, etc.

*Draws*

The starting order of the competitors for each event will be randomly drawn by the Data Specialist in cooperation with the Technical Representative. The draw may be done manually or by computer. See [Skate Canada Rule Book regarding Draws](#).

Draws for subsequent starting order for the event will be using Reverse Order. Competitors will be assigned to skate the second segment in reverse order of the results from the first segment.

*Program Requirements*

The competitive requirements for the below events will be according to the 2025-26 skating season. Requirements listed below are subject to change in the event that changes are released for the 2025-26 skating season by Skate Canada after publication of this technical package.

*STAR 5*

Event will be all gender and will have skaters complete a STAR 5 program on both days.

- [STAR 5 Program](#)

*STAR 6/7*

Event will be all gender and will have skaters compete a STAR 7 program followed by a STAR 6 program.

- [STAR 7 Program](#)
- [STAR 6 Program](#)

*Pre-Novice*

Event will be all gender and will have skaters compete using the Pre-Novice Singles Women requirements for the Short Program. Skaters will compete both the Pre-Novice Short and Free programs.

- [Pre-Novice Singles](#)

*Novice*

Event will be Novice Women and skaters will compete both the Novice Women Short and Free programs.

- [Novice Women](#)

*Technical Representative*

A Technical Representative will be assigned for the competition. Regional Team Coaches will be provided this information once the Technical Representative has been assigned.

**5.3. Tie-Breaking Procedure**

See [Determination of Combined and Final Result](#) for information pertaining to ties.

**6. MEDALS**

Gold, silver, and bronze medals will be awarded to the first, second, and third-place individuals in each event respectively. In the case of only two entries, each entry shall be awarded a medal.

**7. EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS****7.1. Regional Team Uniforms**

Each skater must supply their own competitive attire and adhere to Skate Canada's Rules of Sport, [Section 2.7 Clothing](#).

**7.2. Equipment Standards and Restrictions***[Music](#)*

All music used must be in the public domain or covered by the performing rights societies. Competitors who have music composed specifically for their programs either wholly or in part, are responsible for obtaining a written release from the composer for the use of such music on radio and/or television or appropriate clearance from the performing rights societies.

Music must be submitted in MP3 format and a Planned Program Content form must be submitted digitally for each program no later than February 1, 2026. A link will be emailed to skaters who have qualified.

Skaters must have a USB of their music at the boards with them during competition. No other form of backup music will be accepted on site.

**7.3. Host Society / PSO Provided Equipment**

Designated warm-up and cooldown areas will be identified at the arena. Cooldown equipment such as mats and foam rollers may be available in designated area.

**7.4. Athlete / Regional Team Provided Equipment**

Competitors are responsible for bringing all necessary equipment in order to participate with them to the competition. Backup equipment will not be available (e.g. skate laces, guards, tights, dresses, skates, etc.). Skaters are expected to be prepared for competition and the maintenance of equipment.

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**8. PROTESTS AND APPEALS**

This competition will follow [Skate Canada Rules of Sport 3.14 Protests](#) as well as [Skate Canada Protest Procedure](#).

All protests must be in writing and must be addressed to the Technical Representative of the competition who will review the protest and determine validity. Please see rules for information regarding items that can be protested as well as timelines to file.

Persons entitled to file a Protest is limited to the Region Team Coach, Region Team Manager, or any official of the competition.

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**9. ATHLETE FILL POLICY****9.1. Sport Manitoba Requirements**

Regional teams may utilize athletes from outside of their region's boundaries to fill out rosters in accordance with the Manitoba Games Regional Team Policy.

Regional teams outside of Winnipeg may only use athletes from the North, East, South, or West regions to fill their rosters. Winnipeg Blue or Winnipeg Gold regional teams may only use athletes from the Winnipeg region to fill their rosters.